

Figures for total cost and cost per head during each of the years 1946-47 to 1952-53 in comparison with 1938-39 are shown in the next table.

### COST OF PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT.

Year.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
TOTAL. (£.)								
1938-39 ..	516,455	232,709	114,497	106,942	97,383	113,793	49,270	1,231,049
1946-47 ..	800,542	346,970	145,532	171,460	114,360	143,957	77,970	1,800,791
1947-48 ..	905,476	335,006	192,063	158,258	123,412	173,073	71,956	1,959,244
1948-49 ..	903,853	367,383	266,559	201,873	145,698	181,227	113,643	2,180,236
1949-50 ..	1,418,532	427,955	361,387	248,174	174,240	213,611	112,615	2,956,514
1950-51 ..	1,624,998	430,814	303,417	246,941	181,758	212,933	117,208	3,118,069
1951-52 ..	1,853,709	508,024	407,278	298,401	215,673	294,441	156,982	3,734,508
1952-53 ..	2,089,968	679,946	474,731	349,262	254,147	292,289	161,383	4,301,726

### PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (s. d.)

1938-39 ..	1 6	1 8	1 3	2 1	3 3	4 10	4 2	3 7
1946-47 ..	2 2	2 4	1 5	3 2	3 7	5 9	6 2	4 9
1947-48 ..	2 4	2 3	1 10	2 10	3 9	6 10	5 6	5 2
1948-49 ..	2 4	2 5	2 6	3 7	4 5	6 11	8 6	5 7
1949-50 ..	3 6	2 8	3 4	4 3	5 1	7 10	8 1	7 4
1950-51 ..	3 11	2 8	2 8	4 2	5 1	7 5	8 2	7 6
1951-52 ..	4 4	3 0	3 6	4 11	5 11	10 0	10 6	8 9
1952-53 ..	4 9	4 0	4 0	5 7	6 9	9 6	10 5	9 10

## § 6. Government Employees.

Information concerning the number of employees of Australian Government Authorities may be found in Chapter VIII.—Labour, Wages and Prices.

## § 7. Commonwealth Referenda.

In the pages which follow a summary is given of the various Commonwealth Referenda for alteration of the Constitution. These referenda were held under Section 128 of the Constitution.

In addition, other Commonwealth Referenda have been held, the first occasion being in 1898, when a proposed Constitution, embodied in the Federal Constitution Bill, was submitted to the popular vote but failed to receive the statutory vote of 80,000 in New South Wales. On modification of the bill in the following year the necessary consent was obtained. In 1916, a question was submitted in terms of Section 5 of the Military Service Referendum Act 1916 as to whether the people of Australia were in favour of compulsory overseas military service for the term of the war. The proposal was favoured by a majority of voters in three States and in the Federal Territories, which also participated in this Referendum, but the necessary majority of all votes was not obtained. Affirmative votes cast amounted to 48.39 per cent. of all formal votes. In 1917 another question was submitted. This was prescribed by Regulation 6 of the War Precautions (Military Service Referendum) Regulations 1917 and asked whether the Commonwealth should have power to call up by ballot, compulsory reinforcements for the Australian Imperial Force overseas, up to 27,000 per month. Only two States, and the Federal Territories, voted for the proposal and, inclusive of those of members of the Forces and crews of transports who voted on this occasion, affirmative votes amounted to only 46.21 per cent. of all formal votes.

**COMMONWEALTH REFERENDA FOR ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.  
PROPOSED LAWS AND RESULTS OF VOTING (TO 31st DECEMBER, 1953.)**

NOTE.—On the few occasions on which the requisite majority, both of States and of all electors was obtained, the results of voting are shown in italics.

Short Title of Bill.	Date Submitted to Electors.	Powers or Other Alterations Sought.	In Favour of Proposed Law.	
			Num-ber of States.	Per-cent- age of Formal Voters.
<i>Constitution Alteration (Senate Elections) 1906</i>	12th December, 1906	To alter from January to July the date on which the term of a senator begins, and to provide for other matters connected with the election of senators	<i>Six</i>	<i>82.65</i>
<i>Constitution Alteration (Finance) 1909</i>	13th April, 1910 ..	To vary the financial arrangements between the Commonwealth and the States under the Constitution by providing, <i>inter alia</i> , for specified <i>per capita</i> payments to each State and special payments to Western Australia	Three	49.04
<i>Constitution Alteration (State Debts) 1909</i>	13th April, 1910 ..	To take over the public debts of the States whenever incurred	<i>Five</i>	<i>54.95</i>
<i>Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers) 1910</i>	26th April, 1911 ..	To deal with (a) trade and commerce, without any limitations, among the States "only; (b) the control and regulation of corporations of all kinds (except those formed solely for religious, charitable, scientific or artistic purposes and not for the acquisition of gain); (c) labour and employment, including wages and conditions of labour and the settlement of industrial disputes generally, including disputes in relation to employment on State railways; and (d) combinations and monopolies in relation to the production, manufacture, or supply of goods or services	One	39.42
<i>Constitution Alteration (Monopolies) 1910</i>	26th April, 1911 ..	To make laws for the Commonwealth to carry on or control an industry or business declared to be the subject of a monopoly and for acquiring for that purpose on just terms any property used in connexion with the industry or business	One	39.89
<i>Constitution Alteration (Trade and Commerce) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	As in (a) under (Legislative Powers) Referendum 1910, but excluding intra-State trade and commerce on State Railways	Three	49.38
<i>Constitution Alteration (Corporations) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	As in (b) under (Legislative Powers) Referendum 1910	Three	49.33
<i>Constitution Alteration (Industrial Matters) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	To make laws with respect to labour, employment, and unemployment, including the terms and conditions of labour, the rights and obligations of employers and employees, strikes and lockouts, the maintenance of industrial peace and the settlement of industrial disputes	Three	49.33
<i>Constitution Alteration (Railway Disputes) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	To make laws with respect to conciliation and arbitration for the venton and settlement of industrial disputes in relation to employment in the railway service of a State	Three	49.13
<i>Constitution Alteration (Trusts) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	As in (d) under (Legislative Powers) Referendum 1910, but expressly including "trusts"	Three	49.78

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			Number of States.	Percentage of Formal Voters.
<i>Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies) 1912</i>	31st May, 1913 ..	As in (Monopolies) Referendum 1910, but excluding any industry or business carried on by the Government or a public authority of a State	Three	49.33
<i>Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers) 1919</i>	13th December, 1919	To extend temporarily the legislative powers of the Commonwealth in regard to trade and commerce, corporations, industrial matters and trusts	Three	49.65
<i>Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies) 1919</i>	13th December, 1919	To extend temporarily the legislative powers of the Commonwealth in regard to the nationalization of monopolies	Three	48.64
<i>Constitution Alteration (Industry and Commerce) 1926</i>	4th September, 1926..	To make laws with respect to (a) corporations generally (with certain exceptions); (b) the prevention and settlement of all industrial disputes; (c) the establishment of authorities to regulate industrial matters; (d) investing State authorities with industrial powers; and (e) trusts and combines and industrial associations of employers and employees	Two	43.50
<i>Constitution Alteration (Essential Services) 1926</i>	4th September, 1926..	To make laws for protecting the interests of the public in case of actual or probable interruption of any essential service	Two	42.80
<i>Constitution Alteration (State Debts) 1928</i>	17th November, 1928	To validate the proposals included in the Financial Agreement between the Commonwealth and States relating to State debts and the borrowing of money by the Commonwealth and the States	Six	74.30
<i>Constitution Alteration (Aviation) 1936</i>	6th March, 1937 ..	To make laws with respect to air navigation and aircraft	Two	53.56
<i>Constitution Alteration (Marketing) 1936</i>	6th March, 1937 ..	To make laws under existing powers with respect to marketing without being subject to section ninety-two (freedom of interstate trade) of the Constitution	None	36.26
<i>Constitution Alteration (Post-war Reconstruction and Democratic Rights) 1944</i>	19th August, 1944 ..	To empower the Commonwealth for a period of five years after the cessation of hostilities, to make laws with respect to (i) the re-instatement and advancement of members of the fighting forces, and the advancement of dependants of deceased members; (ii) employment and unemployment; (iii) organized marketing of commodities; (iv) uniform company legislation; (v) trusts, combines and monopolies; (vi) profiteering and prices; (vii) production and distribution of goods (no law in respect of primary production to have effect in a State unless approved by that State and no law to discriminate between States or parts of States); (viii) control of overseas exchange and investment, and regulation of the raising of money according to plans approved by the Australian	Two	45.99

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			Number of States.	Percentage of Formal Voters.
<i>Constitution Alteration (Post-war Reconstruction and Democratic Rights) 1944—continued</i>	19th August, 1944 ..	Joan Council; (ix) air transport; (x) uniformity of railway gauges; (xi) national works (with the consent and co-operation of the State concerned); (xii) national health in co-operation with the States; (xiii) family allowances; and (xiv) the people of the aboriginal race. (The proposed law contained provisions to safeguard freedoms of speech, expression and religion, and a provision requiring notice of regulations of a legislative character made under the proposed powers to be given to each senator and each member of the House of Representatives)	Two	45.99
<i>Constitution Alteration (Social Services) 1946</i>	28th September, 1946	To make laws for the provision of maternity allowances, widows' pensions, child endowment, unemployment, pharmaceutical, sickness and hospital benefits, medical and dental services (but not so as to authorize any form of civil conscription), benefits to students and family allowances	Six	54.39
<i>Constitution Alteration (Organized Marketing of Primary Products) 1946</i>	28th September, 1946	To make laws for the organized marketing of primary products, unrestricted by section ninety-two (freedom of interstate trade) of the Constitution	Three	50.57
<i>Constitution Alteration (Industrial Employment) 1946</i>	28th September, 1946	To make laws with respect to terms and conditions of employment in industry, but not so as to authorize any form of industrial conscription	Three	50.30
<i>Constitution Alteration (Rents and Prices) 1947</i>	29th May, 1948 ..	To make laws with respect to rents and prices (including charges)	None	40.66
<i>Constitution Alteration (Powers to deal with Communists and Communism) 1951</i>	22nd September, 1951	To make such laws with respect to communists and communism as the Parliament considers necessary or expedient for the defence or security of the Commonwealth or for the execution or maintenance of the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth; and to make a law in terms of the Communist Party Dissolution Act 1950, with certain powers of amendment	Three	49.44